

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-22 and 24-33 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 3 and 23 are canceled and claims 1, 4, 6-7, 21-22 and 24 are amended. Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 because the amendments place the application in condition for allowance as set forth below.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action's indication that claims 11-20, 27-31 and 33 are allowed and that claims 2-10 and 23-24 contain allowable subject matter. By this Amendment, independent claim 1 is amended to include allowable features of claim 3 and each of claims 4, 6 and 7 is rewritten into independent form. Additionally, independent claim 21 is amended to include allowable features of claim 23 and claim 24 is rewritten into independent form. Thus, each of the independent claims of this application defines patentable subject matter. Withdrawal of the outstanding rejection is respectfully requested.

Each of the dependent claims depends from one of the independent claims and therefore defines patentable subject matter at least for this reason. In addition, the dependent claims recite features that further and independently distinguish over the applied references.

CONCLUSION

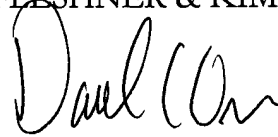
In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-2, 4-22 and 24-33 are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, **David C. Oren**, at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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